



MEDIA RELEASE

MONTECITO LIBRARY HOSTS WILDERNESS HIKING SERIES Local Experts to Speak on Four Wednesdays

Santa Barbara, CA -- February 14, 2013

On four upcoming Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. the Montecito Library is hosting the Wilderness Hiking Speaker Series, talks for all ages by local experts on hiking, backpacking, and tracking in the Santa Barbara front and back country. Registration is not required.

On February 20, local author and volunteer ranger James Wapotich will share his extensive experience in the local front and back country. On February 27, Bryan Conant, local cartographer and leader in the development of the new Condor Trail, will talk about his back country experiences. Mark Kresky will speak on March 6 about his book, *Field Guide to Animal Tracks and Scat of California*, and about the adventure of tracking in the local area and beyond. And on March 13, Paul Cronshaw and Rik Christensen will give a light-weight backpacking demonstration, showing how two experienced backpackers can help us lighten our loads.

The Montecito Library is a branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library System. It is located at 1469 East Valley Road in Montecito. For more information about this speaker series, contact library supervisor Jody Thomas at (805) 969-5063, or visit the library online at www.sbplibrary.org.

All library programs are free and open to the public.

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Wilderness Hiking

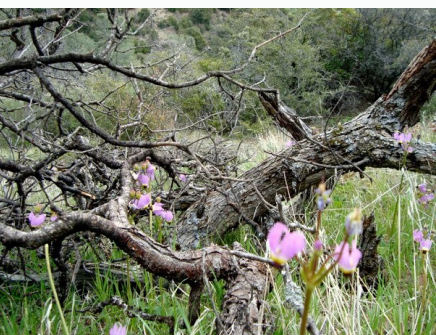
Speaker Series



James Wapotich

Feb. 20 / 5 - 6:30 PM

Join local author and volunteer ranger as he shares his extensive experience in the local front and back country.



Bryan Conant

Feb. 27 / 5 - 6:30 PM

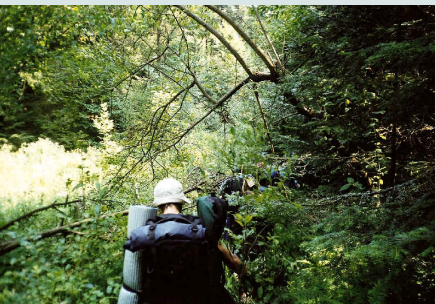
Local cartographer and leader in the development of the new thru hike, The Condor Trail, will share his back country experiences.



Mike Kresky

March 6 / 5 - 6:30 PM

Co-author of *Field Guide to Animal Tracks and Scat of California* will talk about the adventure of tracking in the local area and beyond.



Paul Cronshaw & Rik Christensen

March 13 / 5 - 6:30

Light-weight backpacking demonstration. These experienced hikers will unpack their pack and show us how to lighten our loads.

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If you need special assistance to participate in this event, please contact Library Administration at (805) 564-5608.

